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THE HAUNTING

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THE HAUNTER OF THE SHORE.
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CHAPTER XIV.

The strife raging in Ezekiel's breast had not been fought to its close when the distant church and from the little chapel over the shore, to remind worshippers that the hour of prayer drew nigh.

When Naomi, in her muslin dress and white-ribboned bonnet, came down from her bed-room, she was wondering if her father intended going to chapel, as she had left him some twenty minutes earlier unwashed and unshaven.

In her watchful care for him she had not failed to notice with solicitude the additional gloom settled on his brow and the listlessness of his movements, so foreign to his nature.

The previous Sunday she had accused herself from accompanying him to the place of a slight headache; in reality, she felt unable to go to face the minister, and believed she was sparing his feelings equally with her own by her absence. To-day she dared make no further excuse.

"Are you coming to chapel, father?" she asked, as she entered the kitchen, where she found him, washed and shaved, but wearing his old coat.

"You had best go alone, child. I am not sure that I always get the food there for. That's more than I can say. There's a mind as suffers from ill-health sometimes even if the body's sound."

"What is it, father dear? Tell me, and we may try to help you."

"Beyond your power, my lass. A stroll along the shore is like enough to settle me."

"But come to chapel first. The minister's sure to have some words to say that will help us both. Do come. Then we can walk along the shore together after service."

Her father hesitated, and was about to refuse, but meeting his daughter's pleading eyes he allowed her to bring his coat and tie his cravat; then, taking his Bible from the shelf, he followed her down the garden path.

As a cool hand laid on a throbbing brow, a draught of water to a parched tongue, so is the sensation of rest that, despite of all earth's toil and moil, is to be found in the calm beauty and holy hush of a Sunday morning in the country.

Naomi and her father passed along the high road, across the little bridge, thence on to a rugged piece of common, undulating with hillock and hollow. Tiny pools of water lay in the bottoms of the deeper hollows, while in parts the heath glowed in its purple glory.

The bare stubble fields, where the harvest had been gathered, shone in golden haze of mist, while the sun, fast dispelling as it rose in its strength higher in the heavens.

Beyond the interchange of a few commonplace sentences, neither father or daughter seemed inclined for conversation.

All around was calm and restful. The soft south wind playing across the common and over the more distant hills made a musical rustle among the limp and yellow leaves hanging from the boughs of the dark trees; while the humming of insects, uniting with the songs of the birds, formed together one harmonious accompaniment to the psalm of praise arising from nature's heart to nature's God.

As they entered into the lane leading to the hill on which was the chapel, Naomi stopped to gather a bunch of the slender harebells that clustered and quivered along the hedges, half hidden beneath the thickly growing blackberry bushes, and, shaking off the glittering dew, she put them in the pocket of her dress.

"Father," she suddenly exclaimed, "did you hear what that woman said as she passed us just now?"

"No."

"She said to the man by her side it was awful sudden to be hurried into eternity like that, for he was quite dead when they lifted him from the bier. I heard every word. Who could they have meant, father?"

"I can't say, but I've said it since this morning, when he came for his milk, he had heard something about a man being killed suddenly in a skirmish. But he knew no more. Dawson told him, and Dawson had heard it from the next boy."

"How sad it is! But do see, father. I'm sure something has happened. Look how eagerly those people are talking together before they go into chapel."

"We must quicken our pace, or we shall be late," answered her father.

The first hymn was being given out as they entered the chapel, and although the seats were empty, father and herself held by no means a conspicuous position, yet it was a long time before Naomi could summon up courage to raise her eyes to the minister's face.

That one look, though it deepened her regret she already felt for the pain she had unwittingly caused him, removed at once all feelings of embarrassment or self-consciousness; so she tried again, and with better success, to lose herself in the prayers and hymns with which the minister was leading the congregation, and evidently with his whole heart.

In the congregation seated themselves preparatory to the sermon, there was a suppressed feeling of expectancy, not to say of subdued excitement, among them, testifying to the general interest felt in the sermons of the Rev. C. Edwards.

He took for his text the 36th and 37th verses of the eighth chapter of St. Mark, and gave them out in a solemn and impressive manner.

"For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

"I will begin," he said, "by briefly touching upon the melancholy event alluded to by this text, which is probably known to all here present. I refer to the violent death of one who, but a few years ago, lived and worked among us. A minister of the gospel might suggest that, in order to spare the feelings of those who were his fellow-workers—some perhaps even distantly related to him—I should, if I cannot praise his

memory, at least forbear from referring to him now that he has gone to his last account. My dear friends, I dare not to do so.

"Let me briefly review his history. Born and bred in Oregon, he was a good report, and was a member of this chapel many years. A few months previously the mine, where a great number of miners had been employed, was closed; and, through causes for which I am unable to account, he alone failed in obtaining fresh work, and took to the career of a hunter of the shore in one of the wildest parts of our country. There he found companions who initiated him in their detestable trade. He became, I say, a hunter of the shore for the sake of the spoils there to be found.

Here the minister paused, and, turning his head, he cast a searching eye from his pulpit, earnest face, became aware that her father had changed his position and turned so as to front herself instead of the minister. "Finding spoils! From whence come those spoils? From storm-tossed, broken ships, from lives rendered up a prey to the violence of the waves! The days of idleness and idleness being the days when the sea casts up the most plunder for them, and when it is the most conducive to loss of life."

"I am told on good authority that for years he carried on a successful trade, was regarded as a prosperous man, and as one who looked forward to spending a long life in easy circumstances."

"As a fact, he had been a cheap bargain, think you, had he realised that prospect, lived that life of easy circumstances, the cost being the loss of his immortal soul?"

"But no such bargain was offered, no such easy circumstances were his. A quarrel among the wreckers, as he was called, led him to a place, in which he received a fatal blow, and died blaspheming his Maker."

"Mistake me not, my friends, in this dwelling on such a career. Thank God! we have no such criminals here. But it is, I am told, a habit, with many of our coast-guard men, to pick up what they call ketches and jetsam, which often lies there, and can from their nature be of little or no value to any one else."

"And were any opportunity to offer while they were thus engaged in aiding any vessel and its crew in danger, to rescue them, would they be sure in a way that would make as all proud of them?"

"The conclusion I earnestly desire to draw from this man's fate is that all should see in advance that the precious gifts of health, strength, mental and spiritual power, if allowed to run to waste, become but so many reasons, exposed to the flood of temptation that will sweep away no man could tell where."

Lastly, the minister pointed his finger of warning against the hypocrisy of the man. "For," said the preacher, "the God you worship he professed to worship also, and this place where you regularly assemble to offer your homage of your hearts, he never failed to come as long as attendance remained possible."

"On! my brothers and sisters, what store we set by the acquisitions of this world! Hold them in the balance and put them to be weighed against your soul. But you can't stop, you must, to consider such matters. The business of the world must be done. Were you of the world, you might for ever miss the goal you are striving to reach. So you labour on, a slave to the things that are passing, to the garments that the moth eats, to the gold that thieves can in a moment rob you of, to the positions which when obtained you will find involve only what we call vexation of spirit, yet which we, poor grovelling earthworms that we are, hold of more value than the welfare of the immortal spirit, the Almighty has dowered us with."

"Pause, then, my brethren. Rest awhile. Take stock of your possessions, as the farmer, at the season, does with his wheat. Look back and learn your lesson. The summer is ended, the corn is garnered, the fruits are stored, and the whole earth waits. Have you not yourselves felt this hush of Nature. It is her hush before the death trance of winter."

"My dear brothers and sisters, I ask you from this pulpit, which I may never occupy again—for if the Lord will, I purpose shortly to engage in missionary work abroad—I ask you the question contained in the text with which I opened my sermon, 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?'

"Pass out quickly. Make haste," said Ezekiel Rodda to his daughter, almost before the last words of the blessing had been pronounced by the minister at the end of the service.

Naomi obeyed, wondering greatly as she followed her father's rapid progress through the chapel, over the porch, and past the villagers, loitering around, who greeted them.

Ezekiel said no word to them, but strode down the hill, and Naomi, noting his sternly set face, abstained from questioning him, and, suiting her pace to his, walked on in silence.

When they entered the living-room of the farm old Mrs. Rodda was laying the cloth for dinner.

"Hark ye, mother," said Ezekiel, "and you, Naomi, heed what I say. I will never set foot in that chapel again. And at the risk of incurring my severe displeasure, I forbid you mentioning anything connected with it to me henceforward. Naomi, I am going out. Put my Bible on the shelf."

CHAPTER XV.

Depressed at the failure of his plans, anxious, yet hopeless, for the future, Ezekiel wandered one evening just before the top of the great cliff.

From thence on his right hand he could see landward a wide stretch of country, including the farm he once owned, now shrunk to a few grassy fields, while on his left was the broad expanse of the ocean extending to the silver line of the distant horizon.

Had he been capable of contrasting the peaceful life of industry suggested by the one for himself and his daughter with the uncertainties, dangers, and moral degradation that must accompany his plans in the direction that alone he thought of and cared for, he might yet have stopped and won his way back through his ability and his power of

will to something of the old and happy life of his early days.

No such reflections came to him as he stalked on, gun in hand, hoping to shoot a wandering pigeon to help the family supper, when suddenly his eye was attracted by a hawk hovering near, as if in sight of a quarry.

It was but the work of a few seconds to lift, aim, and fire, and the hawk fell among the scrub, brushwood, and heather that covered the slope of the cliff.

"Anyhow it'll do for a scarecrow among the peas," muttered Ezekiel, as he descended to seek the hawk, but which he could nowhere find.

"Broken a wing only," thought Ezekiel, "and so he's got away under the wings from the place where I saw him fall."

Turning to re-ascend the cliff all thought of the hawk was forgotten in a new discovery. He was standing within a yard or two of what looked like a small aperture in the rock, through which a bird flew that had probably sought there shelter from the hawk, and was then driven to seek safety a second time in Ezekiel's appearance.

Going close he found the aperture so low and narrow that he could only just manage to wriggle his body in and sit in a bent posture on the rough edge, with his legs inside, which did not touch the ground. As to the interior beyond he could see nothing but a darkness. Neither could he tell how far he would have to drop to reach a standing place below.

Aware of the possible danger of falling into an abyss, but fertile in resources, he took a cord from his pocket and a heavy garden knife, tied them together, and fastened the end of the cord to the rock at a depth of about four feet.

No longer hesitating, he turned round, facing the entrance, and holding firmly by its sides slid down till he found safe footing.

Lighting his lamp and placing his gun against the rock, he advanced through the dense darkness, and, as he went, he could see nothing but a darkness. Neither could he tell how far he would have to drop to reach a standing place below.

For some minutes the dim light of the lamp served only to show how dense was the surrounding darkness. But as his eyes became used to the gloom, great was his surprise and interest to discover he was in a kind of irregularly-arched hall, hollowed out of the cliff by human hands, as was plainly testified by the bones, empty meat cans, broken wine bottles, shreds of clothing, and some substance like decayed matting or moss that lay on the floor and at the base of the walls.

Going round the walls with the aid of his lamp, he saw at intervals rude iron candlesticks, each formed of a projecting ring for the candle and a long pointed stem driven into the rock.

"Who were the men that lived here—and how long ago?" Ezekiel asked himself in wonder.

Continuing his search in the hope of finding something that might enable him to answer these questions, he saw hanging from one of the candlesticks the remains of an oil painting on wood. The subject appeared to be the figure of a man, dressed in red lines, with much natural grace, if due to the artist's workman, but so injured in parts by damp that Ezekiel had to take out what he saw by shrewd guesses as to the remainder.

As he groped about the centre he came upon an iron basket, raised on a tripod, with burnt pieces of wood yet remaining as black as charcoal, and showed him the use of this vessel did not need the coal merchant's aid, but were abundantly supplied from the brushwood that surrounded their domain.

The discovery of such a place so roused Ezekiel's faculties, and so interested him in the men who had here made their home, that he began vaguely to remember that when a boy in his mother's garden, he had seen the smugglers who some half century before her time had made themselves a refuge somewhere in the neighbourhood, defied all attempts at discovery by the coastguard men, and then decamped and were heard of no more.

For motives Ezekiel did not at present care to weigh, he felt a strong desire to realise the life led by these men, and to sympathise with it as one of keen enjoyment.

The jolly fellows, he pondered, having hung the walls all round with matting, covered the floor, and shut out the entrance by the same means—collected plenty of leaves for their beds, lit their candles, set going their fires, what remained for them but to sit down in comfort and safety, eat, drink, and sing their fill?

He told, amid roars of laughter, their tales of outwitting the coastguard men.

"A refuge," Ezekiel exclaimed to himself, "Why, if it's more like a smuggler's paradise; but I must own a paradise of that kind only which would be their ideal—to eat drink, and make merry, for to-morrow they die."

"But," thought Ezekiel as he mused over contingencies that might affect him, as he was the will as he was, would have become of these fellows if the coastguard men had learned of their whereabouts? Why, they'd have been like so many rats caught in a cage with the dogs let loose among them, they'd have been slaughtered, hung if they surrendered. Were they really so reckless? Or do yet further discoveries await my quest?"

Trimming the wick of his lamp, he once more searched along the base of the wall, pressing with his utmost strength against every square foot of the seeming unbroken rock, but without success till he reached the space below the oil painting; there something gave way.

Removing in eager haste with the aid of his knife the debris of soil and rubbish, he disinterred a small trap containing a small iron box, which he had reached the edge of a hard step, but could reach no further on account of the smallness of the opening. He "must get in!" There was just space enough for him by crawling on his breast and hands, but he was wonderfully rapid; he found the one step descended till he reached the bottom, from whence he found his way by a tortuous course to another small opening in the face of the cliff, and completely protected from observation by the brushwood and vegetation, which had been artificially thickened.

Ezekiel found by subsequent

measurement this exit was at least one hundred and fifty yards from the entrance which had admitted him. And he could not but admire the patience, skill, and determination with which the smugglers had availed themselves of the advantages of the ground, including a natural crevice in the rock, which, on account of the softening influence of the greenstone they could easily enlarge.

There remained but one thing for Rodda to do, take possession of this territory as his own, sole monarch of all he intellectually surveyed, and doubly precious from the fact that its very existence was unknown to the world, while the darkness that was growing in his brain appeared to him as remarkable in itself, and so providentially discovered in his utmost need, that before he knew what he was doing he had treated the Almighty as sharing and sanctioning all he was about to scheme and strive for.

Then across to his eyes, he knew not how, the picture of the interior of his chapel, and the figure of his daughter kneeling in prayer, asking perhaps from God blessings for him!

With a great effort he thrust the vision aside, muttering the while to himself:

"I have done nothing. Thoughts are not deeds. Most like I shall do nothing, but quietly go on as before a victim to the sacrifice!"

His lamp, which he had forgotten to attend to, now went out, and left him in total darkness, and he had to feel his way to the entrance by touching the wall with his hand, and feeling aternally depressing operation.

When at last he was able to plant his feet once more on the open cliff, he was dusk, but with sufficient light to guide him through the brushwood. Strange to say, he chose a route that took him through the thickest vegetation, where breaking down any branches and impeding his progress, he stripped and pointed their stems with his knife, and inserted them firmly in the soil about two or three feet apart, and so proceeded till he reached the top of the cliff.

"If I wanted to go there on a dark and tempestuous night, which is not likely, I could do it with the ease I have, and which so one else could discover or understand. Well, now to dismiss the subject and prepare for home and a meagre supper."

Such were the nature of Rodda's reflections as he plodded along, worn out mentally and bodily with the excitement he had passed through in the "smuggler's" palace, feeling his gun a burden which he would have left in the cavern, but for the impossibility he felt of risking in its absence Naomi's watchful tenderness and inconvenient questioning.

(To be continued.)

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Mr. Mayo, of Slough, wishes to state he saw a pigeon knocked over and killed passing train on the Great Western R. near that town. On its leg was a ring the legend "R.O.S. No. 186" and the date perhaps the owner will be able to iden

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It was a long coat, reaching to the knees, about three inches of the bottom of which was cut in a little skirt; the back was cut in one piece and fitted slightly to the figure by a little shawl at the side seams. The coat buttoned in down the front; a strap of alpaca with button holes was stitched under the front. This gave it a very neat finish; the neck had a turn-down collar with small-pointed revers, the edge of the collar, and cuffs, and the bottom of the coat—these slender were high on the shoulders and fastened wrists edged with silk and machine stitching. A pocket was placed on each side with small slanting flaps; the

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**SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST CITY
MERCHANTS.**

At the Guildhall, Charles Anthony I and George Grant Craig, merchants and owners of Great St. Helen's, were charged with forging bills of lading on the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and Colon, and the Commercial Union Trust Co. They arrested the defendants on Wednesday afternoon.—Mr. C. F. Gill, who prosecuted for the bank, said certain acceptances of promissory notes supposed to have been shipped became due on 25th of June. A letter from the bank to the defendants asking them to pay the bills to defer payment for a week, as the firm had been injured by the suspension of the New Oriental Bank. The goods, however, proved to be bogus, and the acceptances and bills of lading therefore unsecured. The defendants were arrested and one prisoner a paper of the nature of a confession of the whole affair was found. On being arrested, Byrds declared he had been the dupe of his son in Bombay.—Firm was remanded without bail.

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SUICIDE AT HOUNSLOW.
The body of Mr. Orbell George Green, manager of the brewing department of the

brewery branch of the London Bechire Brewery Company, was found in the supply tank attached to the premises under circumstances which left little doubt that the act was one of suicide. Mr. Green had only been employed at the brewery about a week, and as he had been absent from his duties for nearly two days, and no tidings could be obtained of his whereabouts, it was determined to search the brewery buildings. In the course of the investigation a lad discovered the body, head downwards, in the large cistern, which supplies water to the establishment. On being taken out a rope, to which was attached a 22lb. weight, was found fastened round the neck. At Mr. Green's lodgings a paper was found with the words: "These rats are worrying me so they will strangle me." He had 3 years of age, and had previously been employed for two or three years at the Bechire Brewery, Bradford.

SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER.
Two men, named Sicard and Laval, have been condemned to death at Tulle for having attempted to murder an old woman—Madame Roche. She is a widow, living alone, and the men entered her abode in March last, demanding her money or her life. As she refused to say where her savings were hidden, the ruffians tried to strangle her, and to beat her brains out. Her left eye was gouged out, and her head was dashed several times against the floor. Thinking that they had effectually "settled" her, the miscreants proceeded to plunder her room, but only found 94 francs, and then went away. Madame Roche, who is nearly 60 years old, survived her terrible injuries, and surprised everybody in court by the energy with which she called for the condemnation of the wretches who had attempted her life.

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THE PEOPLE'S MIXTURE.

There are now 133 students attending the London School of Medicine for Women. The largest salmon taken this year from a Scotch river was landed near Newburgh. It weighed 61lb.

According to official statistics there was an increased production of coal in Europe in 1891 over 1890 of more than 8,000,000 tons. Small-pox is raging in Brazil, and many deaths have occurred among the natives. None of the white residents have yet fallen victims to the disease.

Since the foundation of the Friend of the Clergy Corporation in 1849, over £133,000 has been paid in pensions and £16,500 in temporary assistance.

With a view to the employment of gunboats in the defence of India, the Viceroy has ordered a fresh survey to be made of the course of the Lower Indus.

A middle-aged man went down a gateway at York-road, King's Cross, walked into an empty shed, and committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

The manufacture of leather shoes of European form, which for twenty years has assumed large proportions in Japan, now shows a marked decline.

A new wing to the Leeds General Infirmary has been opened by Sir Andrew Fairbairn, high sheriff of Yorkshire. The alterations cost £40,000.

In consequence of the general election the Executive School Association have postponed their industrial exhibition at the Westminster Town Hall.

From Wellington, New Zealand, the death is announced of Sir H. A. Atkinson, the ex-Premier, who last year was made Speaker of the Legislative Council.

The deaths from diphtheria in London, which had been 37 and 34 in the preceding two weeks, were 31 and 27, being more than double the corrected average.

The postage to be prepaid on letters addressed to all destinations outside the United Kingdom, without exception, will be 3½d. the half-ounce from the 1st of July.

The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., has become patron of the Congress of the Sanitary Institute, to be held in Portsmouth, commencing September 12th.

Mr. Ernest Hills, a member of the Park Swimming Club, was bathing in the river Lea when he threw up his arms and sank. Companions dived for his body, but in vain.

Col. Horace Ricardo, of the Grenadier Guards, has been appointed to the command of all the troops, regular and volunteer, taking part in the Biele meeting.

There are said to be large mineral resources in Southern Morocco, in copper, lead, antimony, and iron, which only require development.

The Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway-road, has benefited to the extent of £13,497 by the will of the late Mr. E. A. Newbon.

The Unionists of Fulham plead for a good supply of private carriages on polling day, as there are in the district a large number of the wage-earning class whose homes are some distance from their work.

One of the new official analysts to the Home Office is Dr. A. P. Luff, lecturer on medical jurisprudence at St. Mary's Hospital. He takes the place of the late Dr. Maymott Tidy.

Light German beer seems to suit the palate of the people of Morocco better than the heavier British beverage. The importation of bottled beer from Germany last year amounted to £139, while from England it was only £32.

In London 2,654 births and 1,415 deaths were registered last week. Allowing for increase of population, the births were thirty-five and the deaths sixteen, above the average number in the corresponding weeks of the last ten years.

In reply to an invitation conveyed by the Lord Mayor, through the Duke of Edinburgh, to the King of Roumania to visit the City during his stay in that country, His Majesty has intimated his great regret that it will not be possible for him to avail himself of the chief magistrate's hospitality.

A calculation has been made of the number of hours the House of Commons has sat during the past session. The total is 708 hours, 35 minutes. The whole Parliament has lasted 7,164 hours. The days of the last session numbered 85, and of the whole Parliament 827.

The Queen on Monday visited Alderhot and laid the memorial-stone of a new church for the garrison, to be dedicated to St. George. Subsequently the royal visitors proceeded to Laffan's Plain, where a brief inspection was made of nearly 16,000 men of all arms, and the troops marched past the Queen. In the evening Her Majesty returned to Windsor.

A case was heard before the Railway Commission, in which Mr. David Palmer, forwarding agent, complained that the London and South-Western Railway Company showed undue preference in receiving goods traffic, and that delay was caused and risk run while waiting for a pass to enter the company's yard at Nine Elms. The company denied that their rule occasioned either risk or delay. The application was dismissed, the respondents waiting their claim for costs.

A Maidstone journal states that the painting of Earl Beaconsfield, which adorns the town hall at that town, has been seriously damaged by some person or persons at present unknown. The painting is placed in a large room of the hall, and the picture could easily be got at. It has been pierced through with a stick or other instrument. It was Maidstone that first returned Earl Beaconsfield to Parliament.

In the Queen's Bench Division an application was made in the case of Loring Brothers and Co. against the North-Western of Uruguay Railway Company for continuing an injunction restraining the defendants from dealing with any money or securities received from the Government of the Republic of Uruguay under the concession. After argument, an arrangement was come to, presumably on the basis that there should be realised a sum of £14,000 to be paid into court pending the trial, but the exact terms of the settlement were not publicly stated.

Mlle. Helene Boulanger, the daughter of the once famous general, has been married at Versailles to M. Auguste de Sachy. The wedding was a quiet affair, only about fifty persons being invited to the church, where the couple were united by the Abbe Picard, the uncle of the bridegroom. Afterwards twenty of the guests sat down with the members of the two families to a dinner in the Hotel des Reservoirs. Capt. Driant and his wife, the second daughter of the late Gen. Boulanger, came from Tunis in order to attend the wedding.

In the case of Machattie, Baron, Calto, and White, charged with conspiracy to defraud the British and Foreign Insurance Company, Mr. Gill explained that the Old Bailey in the case arose out of the poisoning of horses, and that the Solicitor-General, who led for the prosecution, was unable to present. It was anticipated that a principal in the frauds who was at large might be arrested, and it was desirable to avoid two trials. Two important witnesses also were

abroad. The case was adjourned until next session.

The bathing and boating season being now in full vigour, the National Lifeboat Institution direct attention to their series of directions for restoring the apparently drowned.

One hundred and fifty English fishermen have entered for the international fishermen's competition which will shortly be held at Havre.

The labour trouble in Melbourne continues, 4,500 names having been registered at the labour bureau. The distress is very great, notwithstanding the various relief schemes.

It is stated that the Queen will move the Court from Windsor to Osborne on July 16th, where she will remain for the visit of the German Emperor during the first week in August.

A Paris telegram says the students of the Ecole Polytechnique have opened a subscription for the erection of a monument over the grave of Capt. Mayer, who was killed in the duel with the Marquis de Morès.

Two men, named Thomas Stephenson and William Harrison, were drowned at Newcastle by the capsizing of a boat, while engaged in lowering an anchor and chain to be attached to a coal hulk.

No fewer than 100 people were arrested in the central district of Glasgow in one day on charges of drunkenness. The disbandment of the Militia is supposed to have largely contributed to this result.

Five boys who went for a row on the River Rhosau lost control of their boat, and in their endeavour to reach the bank by swimming the five were drowned.

The heart is declared to be the most wonderful machine in the world. A celebrated physiologist says that its working power is equal to lifting 120 tons of blood in twenty-four hours.

The London Stereoscopic and Photographic Company have just issued an album of London views which is a striking combination of excellence and cheapness, and which is especially adapted as a souvenir of the metropolis for country visitors.

Telegrams from Brazil state that Porto Alegre has been bombarded by the Parliamentary party and the city reduced to ruins. Many dead bodies were subsequently found in the streets, the scene witnessed being dreadful.

Sir Henry Ponsonby has written to Mr. Louis Felsmann, author of "Henry and his People," published by Griffith, Farran, and Co., conveying to him the Queen's thanks for a copy of his work, which he presented to her Majesty.

In a circular issued by the Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation the members and friends of that body are recommended to vote at the election, only for those candidates who pledge themselves in favour of the Eight Hours Bill.

The Sanitary Institute holds its autumn congress at Portsmouth, commencing Monday, September 12th. The council invite papers on various subjects, and will be glad to receive the personal co-operation of all who are interested in the diffusion of sanitary knowledge.

Thomas Fallister, a prisoner at New York, complained of illness. The prison doctor sent him a bottle of medicine. The convict broke the bottle and secured a vein in his arm with the cut glass. He was on the point of death from the loss of blood before the warders made the discovery.

An addition was made to the fleet of the White Star line by the launching at Belfast of the Bovic, a large cargo steamer, which, with a tonnage of about 6,000, shares with the sister ship, the Naronic, launched a month ago, the honour of being the largest freight steamer afloat.

According to the chief engineer of the Sicilian mines, the falling off in the production of sulphur in 1891, as compared with 1890, amounted to over 58,000 tons, owing, it is said, to the wild speculations in Sicily, which ruined many of those engaged in the sulphur trade. Sicily furnishes nine-tenths of all the sulphur used.

The White Star steamer Majestic, which has arrived at Queenstown from New York, reports that on the 23rd June, at 8 a.m., in lat. 40° 18' north, long. 68° 08' west, a derelict vessel was passed to the south. The stumps of her masts alone were standing, and it was impossible to make out her name. She appeared to be of British build.

Politicians at Cork are preparing for Home Rule. During an election meeting, sticks and stones were freely used by combatants who means of an exciting character. Men and women were wounded, and in one case a strong party man threw furniture from an upstairs room on to the heads of opponents in the street below.

The German Emperor recently christened a new despatch vessel which was launched at the Breder Dockyard. His Majesty, in person, laid the keel, and the vessel was dedicated to the building of the ship, and the Emperor's words showed that she was dedicated to the building of the ship, and the Emperor's words showed that she was dedicated to the building of the ship.

An alarming accident occurred the other afternoon at Tylor's Coalpit, Tylorstown, Rhondda Valley. While the coal was being raised the shaft of the winding engine suddenly gave way. There were at the time 800 men in the pit, and these had all to be raised by means of bows through the upcast. It was nearly 9 o'clock before the men were all got out. The pit will be rendered idle for a fortnight.

A shocking accident has happened at Cardiff Docks, by which two men were killed. Whilst a man, named Mark Gombas, was by the means of the hydraulic crane, engaged in drawing a loaded coal truck towards the tip-head he, by some means, got entangled in the rope. His cries brought to him, the assistance of David Davies, the brakeman, but he also got within the meshes of the rope, and both men were crushed to death.

A commercial journal published at Constantinople gives some interesting particulars of the mercury mines of Almaden, where about 2,000 workmen are employed in this unhealthy industry. The production reaches about 55,000 to 60,000 francs per annum; the francs are enormous bottles of cast iron which contain four arrobes of about 25lb. each. Each bottle, which measures 22 centimetres in height by 6 in width, weighs, when filled, about 100lb.

An international rose show and fête has been opened by the directors of the International Horticultural Exhibition for Tuesday and Wednesday next, when there will be displayed at Earl's Court such a collection of roses, orchids, begonias, and herbaceous plants as has not previously been seen in London. All the celebrated English rose growers will be represented, and many continental growers will also take part in the display.

In some parts of France the residents are regarded as exceptionally bibulous. From statistics recently compiled, it seems that the largest consumers of beer are in the towns of Lille, Boulogne, Tourcoing, St. Quentin, and Amiens, where the yearly average consumption ranges from forty-five to sixty-seven gallons per head of the population, whereas in Paris the average is less than three gallons per head. The consumption of alcohol is greatest in Normandy and Brittany, attaining nearly four gallons per head in Rouen, Havre, and Caen, which is over two and a half gallons per head at Brest.

(Britany), and nearly two gallons per head in Paris.

The late Mr. Douglas Henry, a Chichester brewer, left property valued at £143,000. Herr Jacobson, prince of violinists, has just celebrated his 61st birthday.

From an official report on the fruit culture of California it seems that that State had in 1890 over 13,000,000 fruit trees.

At a meeting held at Dunfermline, it was resolved to erect an infectious diseases hospital at Milesmark, at a cost of about £50,000. The value of the crop of condensed milk from Switzerland averages about £260,000 a year.

Yorkshire has over 60,000 members in its Union of Mechanics' Institutes, from which more than 35,000 volumes were issued last year.

The Worshipful Company of Fishmongers has made a grant of £1,000 to the Surrey Association for the General Welfare of the Blind.

About 40 per cent. of the population of Switzerland are engaged in agricultural pursuits, and over 50 per cent. in trade and other industries.

Alexander Hockaday, of Blue River township, Kentucky, is reported to be 112 years old. During his whole life he has only taken one bottle of medicine.

A wanderer named Horn, lost on the wilds of Arizona, where he was some days without water, lost 40lb. in weight before he could find the comforts of civilisation.

The picture by Carl Rosa, which he cut from the frame at the Paris Salon, is now on view at the Continental Gallery, 137, New Bond-street.

The foundation-stone of the new infirmary in Smithdown-road, now being built by the Tenth Board of Guardians, was laid on Monday.

A memorial tablet in the parish church and a library and museum at Hornham also have been decided upon by the Centenary Committee.

The growing of flowers in France is a paying industry. When cultivated for export-making there is sometimes a profit of £100 an acre.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is still alive, but in a very feeble condition. The old lady is over 80 years of age.

The plaintiff has conducted his own case, and he evidently knows a good deal about law. This was the complaint paid to a litigant by Lord Justice Lindley.

"General" Booth arrived at Newcastle from Bergen after a continental trip, in the course of which he travelled 4,780 miles, and addressed eighty meetings.

A woman named Cross, about 50 years of age, committed suicide the other evening at Taunton. She placed her hat, umbrella, and mackintosh on the back of the river, and deliberately walked into the water.

The heirs of a work which was not specified in the late master's will, viz., the sketches which he had been requested to execute for the interior decoration of the Pantheon.

Mr. Balfour has conferred upon Mr. Edward Wallford, M.A., a literary pension of £100 a year. For more than half a century Mr. Wallford has been engaged in literary work of a high order.

There died on his estate near Oedenburg, in Hungary, on Sunday, Count Henri Zichy, aged 80. He was the stepson of the great Hungarian statesman, the late Count Stephen Secheny.

The epidemic of discontent has spread to Pennsylvania boys. Not getting their grievances redressed, several schoolboys "struck," leaving their school in a body and refusing to return.

Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the military forces in Ireland, has paid a visit to the block of buildings which constituted the New Tipperary. He was interested and amused.

Emily Stinton, an Acton laundress, has just died at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith. She had fallen downstairs while carrying a lamp, which burst and set fire to her clothing.

An improved traction engine has lately appeared in Missouri. It is run with a relatively small amount of fuel, carries a heavy load, and is provided with means for changing its speed without altering the stroke of the engine.

While fishing in Butte Dock, Cardiff, a lad had a remarkable haul. He brought up a handkerchief containing a quantity of jewellery, including twenty gold and silver watches. It is supposed that these articles are part of the proceeds of an extensive burglary which was committed a year ago.

Members of the House of Commons were abundantly refreshed during the session closed. In that period there were served in the dining-room, 5,940 luncheons and 7,983 dinners, while in two other rooms set apart for refreshment the total number of meals provided was 3,032.

Opponents of disestablishment in Wales point to a speech made by Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons last year, when he declared that "undoubtedly the Established Church in Wales is an advancing church, and is, very distinctly, a rising church from elevation to elevation."

The telephone system is being rapidly developed in Belgium. The necessity for a reorganisation in the system, as adopted by the companies, for satisfying the needs of the public, has of late years stimulated the State to lay and work lines on its own account, and the experiment thus made has been most successful.

Whenever the House of Commons adjourns the doorkeeper shouts "Who goes home?" This is the cry of old times. The accused foreigner, who was in the House, was unable for members of the popular assembly to wend their way to their abodes at night alone for fear of footpads and other notorious wanderers.

But for the prompt arrival of the fire brigade, there would probably have been a serious outbreak on the premises of Messrs. Whitehead, Williams, and Co., warehousemen, in the basement early the other morning. Happily, the fire was extinguished in a very few minutes, and little damage was done.

The German counsel at Port Elizabeth says with regard to the export of ostrich feathers from South Africa, that in 1890 the exports were 212,700lb., valued at £264,000. By reason of the maladies from which the ostriches have suffered, the exports in 1891 were smaller, although the exact figures are not yet known.

The reports of inspectors of the Board of Trade into accidents in the cause of which they have inquired, show that long hours have contributed to a large number of fatal accidents. Out of 122 inquiries in the years 1889 and 1890, in fourteen the accident was found to have been more or less due to excessive hours of work on the part of the railway servants.

A prisoner at the Old Bailey, indicted for fraud, was a member of the Stationers' Mutual Benefit Society, which allowed 2s. per week to its sick members. The accused foreigner fell ill, and was placed on the sick list. He was allowed the 2s. per week, but it was ascertained that he was not only in

regular employ the whole time, but that he was working overtime.

The trustees of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales are inviting artists to send, in competition, water-colour drawings of the picturesque scenery of the colony.

Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Ivanhoe" is now officially announced as one of the novelties at the Imperial Opera House, Berlin, during the season which will commence on August 18th.

During last week seventeen steamers loaded cattle and dead meat at Liverpool for the American and Canadian ports, bringing a total supply of 5,417 cattle and 30,788 quarters of beef.

Mr. Robert Woodfall has been appointed by the president of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division to be his "official," not his "private," secretary, as was previously announced.

There were only five prisoners for trial at the Cheshire Quarter Sessions, and his honor Sir Horatio Lloyd, in charging the grand jury, expressed satisfaction at the state of affairs in the county.

The 1st Battalion of Grenadier Guards, under Lord Arthur Wavell, left London on Monday for Fribourg Camp, whence the 2nd Grenadier Guards, under Col. Eaton, moved to the Tower of London.

The Bishop of Dover on Monday opened the newly-erected church of St. Saviour's, Folkestone. It is proposed to add a southern transept and a tower, and the total cost of the whole building will be £10,000.

At the Liverpool County Court, Mrs. Newlands, a certified nurse, residing at Edgill, was awarded a sum of costs against Mr. Copeland, proprietor of Granston College, Anfield, as damages for the bite of a dog.

Proceedings are about to be taken against the *Freinische Zeitung* for *lese majeste*, owing to certain remarks made by the journal regarding the German Emperor's recent hunting expedition in the Scharfheide.

Business is still interrupted in Chicago by the flood, which has occasioned a total loss of the amount of £10,000, and have thrown 3,500 men out of employment.

The haymakers in Kent are to be assisted in their operations by a number of evangelists from the Church Army, accompanied by a colporteur van, which will spend the season amongst them, passing later on to the fruit and food districts.

Divorce petitions in Victoria appear to be just twice as numerous in proportion to the population, as in the mother country—a circumstance not surprising when the numerous grounds on which divorce is granted by the recent Act of the Victorian Legislature are taken into account.

Two Manchester men, Daniel Stanley and John Murphy, were committed to the sessions by the Bolton magistrates, on Monday, for robbing Alderman Harwood of a gold watch and chain whilst in a shop at Bolton. The culprit is chairman of the Bolton Watch Committee and a magistrate of the borough.

At Lancaster, on Monday, Joseph Mandley, surgeon, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for wounding Mary Agnes Mawson, Prisoner had lodged with prosecutrix, and she had him removed to the workhouse for inquiries regarding his mental condition. He escaped and attempted to strangle Mrs. Mawson.

The Duke of Fife has consented to become a vice-president of the Friend of the Clergy Corporation, whose annual festival he recently presided. The annual meeting of the corporation, held on Monday, revealed a lamentable diminution in the receipts. Only £4,734 had been received during the year, as against £7,314 in 1890.

The governors of the People's Palace for East London desire to hold an exhibition of pictures in the Queen's Hall from August 13th to September 10th. A similar exhibition last year was visited by 60,000 persons, principally of the working classes. The governors appeal again for the loan of good pictures.

Lord Denman's generous offer to the House of Lords of a thousand copies of Mr. Gladstone's pamphlet on women's suffrage was not accepted. Since neither the Lord Chancellor nor other officials of the House would contribute some materials for the "Sewing Bees" which a number of the London actresses had held under the auspices of the ladies' guild, Her ladyship has even promised to attend with her needle at one of these parties.

Dr. F. W. Langhans, the famous German medical historian and critic, recently died at Berlin, at the age of a few weeks less than 60. He was originally a violinist, and studied under Ferdinand David, at Leipzig, and under Alard, in Paris, but after his marriage he became a pianist. Lucia Japha, his wife, was a singer, and in 1871, he became a professor at the High School of Music.

At Hitchin Petty Sessions, Archdeacon Bathurst, of Holwell, near Hitchin, was fined 45s and costs on a charge of cruelly abusing and torturing a horse by working it, and causing it to be worked, in an unfit state. A caution to be worked, in an unfit state. A caution to be worked, in an unfit state.

The prosecution was instituted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Here is a French recipe for making in the simplest possible way a perfume "unparalleled by the concoctions of the most famous parfumeurs." Take a few drops of white rose of Shiraz, and their perfume is as fragrant as the best, and their perfume is as fragrant as the best, and their perfume is as fragrant as the best.

After discussion, a deputation was appointed to request that a considerable reduction should be made in the charges, which it was unanimously agreed had been most onerous.

In order to enable them to continue their education at the best grammar schools, 200 scholarships have been annually awarded since the colony of Victoria since the year 1860, the clever and industrious pupils of State schools, selected in accordance with the results of competitive examinations, the conditions being that all must be under 15 years of age and in the sixth class. Each scholarship, according to the report of the Government statist, is of the value of £10, tenable for three years, on condition that the scholar selected in accordance with the results of competitive examinations, the conditions being that all must be under 15 years of age and in the sixth class. Each scholarship, according to the report of the Government statist, is of the value of £10, tenable for three years, on condition that the scholar selected in accordance with the results of competitive examinations, the conditions being that all must be under 15 years of age and in the sixth class. 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A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE.
At the Marylebone Police Court, a sensational story was narrated to Mr. Cobbe, the magistrate, showing how narrowly a

Woman and a constable had escaped with their lives. The accused was Charles Wheeler, 45, a house decorator, of Marston street, Kentish Town, who was charged with attempting to stab P.C. Begg, 632 Y.—The constable said he was called to the prisoner's house at half-past 1 o'clock that morning where he heard shouts of "Murder."

went upstairs and found the prisoner chasing his wife round the room with a clasp knife in his hand. Mrs. Wheeler said her husband had threatened to murder her with the knife which is a formidable weapon with a blade over three inches in length, of dagger shape, and tapering off to a very sharp point. The prisoner told her to leave the room, said he would kill her against her wife's advice. Mrs. Wheeler left the house and went to the police station, he promising to meet her there with her husband. When the officer and the prisoner were alone the latter made a rush at him with the knife and said he would not be taken to the station. The prisoner said, "You may know I have got a knife, but I don't want to use it." Both on the ground, and the prisoner got the upper hand, and, having the open knife still in his hand, he made three or four stabs at the constable's chest the blade penetrating his tunic. Assistance then came to hand and the knife was wrested from the prisoner, who was conveyed to the police station—J. W. Bailey, of St. Castles road, who received the wound, and told the constable on his back on the floor and accused on top of him. Witnesses got the open knife from the prisoner and helped the officer up. Beggs seemed much exhausted and had to rest against the bed.—Mrs. Wheeler said her husband came home very drunk at 10 o'clock at night. He entered the room on his hands and knees, and told her he had killed a man, and he would kill her. He made a rush at her, but she dodged him, and her two little daughters caught hold of him and so prevented him getting at her. A terrible scene followed and for nearly an hour he tried to get hold of her. He chased her from room to room, chairs, round tables, and under beds; with the assistance of the children, she and her husband went into fits, he was able to avoid him. Some one fetched a stable (not Beggs, who advised the prisoner) to be quiet. The accused then left the house. At 12.30 he returned home, worse than before. He cursed and swore terribly, and said he would be hanged for her. Her son, aged came home, and the prisoner buttoned his stomach for taking her part. Her husband managed to get his knife out of his pocket, and the prisoner said he would kill her, but she said he could not get at her, put his knife from his pocket. He threatened to kill her, and told her to say her prayers, pointed the blade at her. At this juncture P.C. Beggs entered the room.—Mr. Co. committed the prisoner for trial on maliciously wounding the constable and threatening his wife.—Sergeant Carlen (a warrant officer) told the prisoner he had collected a number of times. Ten or two threats had been issued against him through words and assaults.

The first sewing machine the world saw was invented by Thomas Saint, a cabinet-maker, in 1790.

Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg paid a visit to Tonbridge, where her highness presided at the opening of a fund-aid of the funds for repairing the parish church. They were received at the station by Earl Stanhope, Lord-lieutenant of the county, the Marquis of Abergavenny, the Bishop of Dover, and the Rev. T. H. Gull, the vicar of the parish.

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